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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

1. The reply filed on April 3, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

The amendments to the specification is not in compliance with the requirements of the revised manner of making amendments under 37 CFR 1.121. While the deleted matter has been crossed out in the proposed amendment, the added matter has not been underlined. See MPEP §714(4) for guidance. Moreover, it is suggested that in the future, the amendments to the specification should be made in typewritten form as opposed handwritten to insure clarity.

Some other examples which requires correction:

In Fig. 23, reference “2324” is pointing to the wrong surface. Compare with Figs. 21 and 22.

Reference “2332” (p. 39, l. 1)mentioned in the description is not shown in the drawings.

Again it is emphasized that the lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors, especially those in addition to the numerous ones mentioned in the last Office Action and the current communication. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which Applicant may become aware in the specification. In other words, Applicant is advised to thoroughly review the specification and the drawings to correct these types of inconsistencies. If need be, Applicant is also advised to submit a Substitute Specification in compliance with 37 CFR §1.125, i.e. (a) a clean copy and a marked up copy and (b) statement that no new matter is contained in the Substitute Specification.

It is noted that the amendment to the claims in the above noted response will be entered in the next Office Action. Moreover, the submitted drawing corrections appear to be in compliance and would be approved. However, Applicant is still advised to review ALL the drawings to make sure that the specification and the drawings are in concordance.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles Goodman whose telephone number is (703) 308-0501. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday between 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Allan Shoap, can be reached on (703) 308-1082.

In lieu of mailing, it is encouraged that all formal responses be faxed to 703-872-9302. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1148.


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